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CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE

The holiday season is here and it's time once for that traditional family event, cutting a live Christmas tree. Trees are a renewable resource; cutting one down simply provides more growing space for other trees.

Christmas tree tags are available now from your local Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Office. BLM tree permits are \$3.00 each with a limit of five per person. Permits for tree cutting on BLM administered lands can be purchased at the Elko BLM Office, 3900 Idaho Street, during regular office hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Permits may also be obtained by mail from the BLM, Elko BLM Office, 3900 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801 before December 11th. Mail-in requests should include a check or money order payable to the Department of Interior-BLM, a return address, and the name and address of each person requesting a tree.

Additionally, BLM tree permits are available at the Wendover Port of Entry, open 4:30 a.m. to midnight, 7 days a week; at the Montello Post Office, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays; and at the Wells Forest Service Office, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Pinyon pine and Utah juniper are the only trees that can be cut on BLM administered lands. BLM areas recommended for tree hunters are Spruce Mountain, east of Ruby Valley; Cherry Creek Range, west of Currie; the Leach Mountains, west of Montello; Dolly Varden Mountain, northeast of Currie; Pequop Mountains and Wood Hills, both east of Wells; Pilot Range, north of Wendover; and Sugar Loaf Peak, south of the Goshute Mountains. The Sulpher Spring Range beginning at the Mineral Hill area and going North, is not recommended due to the fires which burned a large portion of the forest in that area.

People are advised to plan ahead for their tree-cutting activities. Cold weather combined with snow can make travel into the mountains dangerous. Emergency equipment and supplies

such as chains, snow tires, a first aid kit, blankets, and extra food and water are recommended.

Always tell someone where you are going and an expected return time. Have a safe outing.

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